

Alaska

S0103. Population 65 Years and Over in the United States

Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

NOTE: Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

Subject	Total	Margin of Error	65 years and over	Margin of Error
Total population	698,473	*****	51,943	+/-1,368
SEX AND AGE				
Male	51.6%	+/-0.2	47.4%	+/-1.1
Female	48.4%	+/-0.2	52.6%	+/-1.1
Median age (years)	32.6	+/-0.3	72.3	+/-0.5
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN				
One race	92.6%	+/-0.5	97.3%	+/-0.9
White	68.3%	+/-0.4	75.5%	+/-1.8
Black or African American	3.9%	+/-0.2	2.4%	+/-0.6
American Indian and Alaska Native	13.2%	+/-0.5	12.6%	+/-1.5
Asian	4.8%	+/-0.3	5.9%	+/-1.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.8%	+/-0.1	0.2%	+/-0.3
Some other race	1.7%	+/-0.4	0.8%	+/-0.5
Two or more races	7.4%	+/-0.5	2.7%	+/-0.9
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	6.2%	+/-0.1	2.5%	+/-0.9
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	65.0%	+/-0.1	74.1%	+/-1.8
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	677,036	*****	50,622	+/-1,489
Householder or spouse	52.6%	+/-0.7	86.7%	+/-2.6
Parent	0.8%	+/-0.3	4.4%	+/-1.5
Other relatives	39.1%	+/-0.7	7.1%	+/-2.4
Nonrelatives	7.5%	+/-0.7	1.8%	+/-0.9
Unmarried partner	2.6%	+/-0.3	0.5%	+/-0.3
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Households	236,597	+/-2,353	31,218	+/-1,473
Family households	67.6%	+/-1.3	56.9%	+/-3.3
Married-couple family	50.4%	+/-1.3	43.9%	+/-3.3
Female householder, no husband present, family	11.4%	+/-1.0	9.9%	+/-1.8
Nonfamily households	32.4%	+/-1.3	43.1%	+/-3.3
Householder living alone	25.3%	+/-1.3	40.4%	+/-3.2
MARITAL STATUS				
Population 15 years and over	546,524	+/-1,350	51,943	+/-1,368
Now married, except separated	48.4%	+/-1.2	56.1%	+/-2.9
Widowed	3.6%	+/-0.3	24.4%	+/-2.4
Divorced	11.7%	+/-0.9	14.8%	+/-2.1
Separated	2.1%	+/-0.3	0.8%	+/-0.6
Never married	34.1%	+/-1.0	3.9%	+/-1.0
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	431,178	+/-2,628	51,943	+/-1,368
Less than high school graduate	8.6%	+/-0.6	21.0%	+/-3.1
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	27.7%	+/-1.1	26.2%	+/-3.2
Some college or associate's degree	37.1%	+/-1.1	30.3%	+/-2.9
Bachelor's degree or higher	26.6%	+/-1.3	22.5%	+/-2.6
RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS				
Population 30 years and over	374,642	+/-1,736	51,943	+/-1,368
Living with grandchild(ren)	4.3%	+/-0.6	8.0%	+/-1.7
Responsible for grandchild(ren)	2.0%	+/-0.5	2.2%	+/-0.8
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	500,570	+/-2,630	51,943	+/-1,368
Civilian veteran	14.1%	+/-0.7	29.6%	+/-2.7
DISABILITY STATUS				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	678,081	+/-2,615	51,093	+/-1,407
With any disability	11.6%	+/-0.8	45.4%	+/-3.4
No disability	88.4%	+/-0.8	54.6%	+/-3.4
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	686,081	+/-1,526	51,943	+/-1,368
Same house	77.7%	+/-1.3	95.5%	+/-1.3
Different house in the United States	21.5%	+/-1.3	4.3%	+/-1.4
Same county	12.8%	+/-1.1	3.4%	+/-1.2
Different county	8.7%	+/-0.9	0.8%	+/-0.5

Subject	Total	Margin of Error	65 years and over	Margin of Error
Same state	2.8%	+/-0.4	0.5%	+/-0.3
Different state	5.9%	+/-0.8	0.3%	+/-0.3
Abroad	0.8%	+/-0.3	0.3%	+/-0.3
PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND YEAR OF ENTRY				
Total population	698,473	*****	51,943	+/-1,368
Native	649,624	+/-3,412	46,087	+/-1,148
Foreign born	48,849	+/-3,412	5,856	+/-1,256
Entered 2000 or later	35.7%	+/-5.5	5.1%	+/-4.6
Entered 1990 to 1999	24.9%	+/-3.3	12.0%	+/-7.5
Entered before 1990	39.3%	+/-4.8	82.9%	+/-8.3
Naturalized U.S. citizen	52.7%	+/-5.2	70.2%	+/-9.7
Not a U.S. citizen	47.3%	+/-5.2	29.8%	+/-9.7
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH				
Population 5 years and over	643,692	+/-1,295	51,943	+/-1,368
English only	83.6%	+/-0.8	84.4%	+/-2.1
Language other than English	16.4%	+/-0.8	15.6%	+/-2.1
Speak English less than "very well"	6.0%	+/-0.5	9.0%	+/-1.6
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Civilian population 16 years and over	521,616	+/-3,043	51,943	+/-1,368
In labor force	70.6%	+/-1.0	24.0%	+/-2.6
Employed	63.9%	+/-1.1	23.0%	+/-2.6
Unemployed	6.7%	+/-0.5	1.0%	+/-0.5
Percent of civilian labor force	9.5%	+/-0.8	4.1%	+/-2.0
Not in labor force	29.4%	+/-1.0	76.0%	+/-2.6
INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2009 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Households	236,597	+/-2,353	31,218	+/-1,473
With earnings	88.5%	+/-0.9	50.5%	+/-3.7
Mean earnings (dollars)	74,944	+/-2,329	53,867	+/-17,408
With Social Security income	18.7%	+/-0.8	89.6%	+/-2.5
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,152	+/-452	15,274	+/-616
With Supplemental Security Income	2.9%	+/-0.5	7.7%	+/-2.2
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	6,971	+/-868	5,590	+/-704
With cash public assistance income	6.3%	+/-0.9	12.9%	+/-2.4
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	4,008	+/-500	3,849	+/-1,048
With retirement income	19.0%	+/-1.1	56.1%	+/-3.9
Mean retirement income (dollars)	25,825	+/-1,382	28,124	+/-2,471
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits	10.0%	+/-1.0	8.2%	+/-2.1
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Population for whom poverty status is determined	682,412	+/-1,129	51,093	+/-1,407
Below 100 percent of the poverty level	9.0%	+/-0.8	3.2%	+/-1.0
100 to 149 percent of the poverty level	7.0%	+/-0.8	6.9%	+/-1.3
At or above 150 percent of the poverty level	84.0%	+/-1.0	89.8%	+/-1.5
Occupied housing units				
HOUSING TENURE	236,597	+/-2,353	31,218	+/-1,473
Owner-occupied housing units	65.2%	+/-1.4	83.3%	+/-3.1
Renter-occupied housing units	34.8%	+/-1.4	16.7%	+/-3.1
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.98	+/-0.06	2.26	+/-0.14
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.64	+/-0.09	1.58	+/-0.18
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
No telephone service available	1.9%	+/-0.4	0.8%	+/-0.3
1.01 or more occupants per room	5.8%	+/-0.6	1.9%	+/-0.6
Owner-occupied housing units				
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS	154,337	+/-3,768	26,005	+/-1,404
Less than 30 percent	72.9%	+/-1.9	73.3%	+/-3.5
30 percent or more	27.1%	+/-1.9	26.7%	+/-3.5
OWNER CHARACTERISTICS				
Median value (dollars)	232,900	+/-3,781	231,100	+/-11,251
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage (dollars)	1,789	+/-34	1,389	+/-96
Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage (dollars)	539	+/-19	518	+/-29
Renter-occupied housing units				
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS	82,260	+/-3,476	5,213	+/-1,058
Less than 30 percent	63.4%	+/-3.1	49.3%	+/-10.4
30 percent or more	36.6%	+/-3.1	50.7%	+/-10.4
GROSS RENT				
Median gross rent (dollars)	1,007	+/-39	707	+/-124

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see [Accuracy of the Data](#)). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Notes:

- The 65 years and over column of data refers to the age of the householder for the estimates of households, occupied housing units, owner-occupied housing units, and renter-occupied housing units lines.
- The age specified on the population 15 years and over, population 25 years and over, population 30 years and over, civilian population 18 years and over, civilian population 5 years and over, population 1 years and over, population 5 years and over, and population 16 years and over lines refer to the data shown in the "Total" column while the second column is limited to the population 65 years and over.
- The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, comparisons of disability data from 2008 or later with data from prior years are not recommended. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the [Evaluation Report Covering Disability](#).
- The Census Bureau introduced an improved sequence of labor force questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, we recommend using caution when making labor force data comparisons

from 2008 or later with data from prior years. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the "Evaluation Report Covering Employment Status" at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/methodology/content_test/P6a_Employment_Status.pdf, and the "Evaluation Report Covering Weeks Worked" at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/methodology/content_test/P6b_Weeks_Worked_Final_Report.pdf. Additional information can also be found at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/laborfor/laborforce.html>.

- Caution should be used when comparing data for Telephone Service Availability between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "no" category and underreporting those who did not have telephone service available. For more information please see [Errata Note #53](#).
- Caution should be used when comparing data for Occupants per Room between 2008 and 2009. A data collection error was identified for 2008 impacting the "1 room" category. For more information please see [Errata Note #54](#).
- While the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas; in certain instances the names, codes, and boundaries of the principal cities shown in ACS tables may differ from the OMB definitions due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.
- Estimates of urban and rural population, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based on Census 2000 data. Boundaries for urban areas have not been updated since Census 2000. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '***' entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
6. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
7. An 'N' entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

The letters PDF or symbol  indicate a document is in the [Portable Document Format \(PDF\)](#). To view the file you will need the [Adobe® Acrobat® Reader](#), which is available for **free** from the Adobe web site.